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Proclamation

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October 2010, as “Solar Energy Month.”

PROCLAMATION

by the
Governor of the State of California

California is proud to be leading the nation in the development of alternative power sources. We can use the sun's natural energy to power our homes, businesses and public facilities, as well as create jobs for our fast growing green industry.

An aerial view of our state reveals that solar technology is starting to power more of our buildings and residences. It is not uncommon to see rows of solar panels on the roofs of factories and houses across our Central Valley and under the California Solar Initiative we are moving towards our goal of installing 1 million more roof systems by 2018. This will reduce dangerous greenhouse gas emissions by over 3 million tons. Clean energy not only reduces homeowners' monthly bills, but it also brings money and jobs into our state.

By taking bold steps to reduce our energy dependence we are also bolstering our economy. California is proud to have many firms committed to expanding our already strong solar industry. Green technologies are creating new jobs every day and I am pleased that California can harness the economic potential of clean investment. By 2020, renewable energy will account for thirty-three percent of our power consumption.

This month, I urge all Californians to learn more about the environmental and economic benefits of renewable technologies and how solar energy can be integrated into our lives and businesses. Solar power is an important clean energy source for reaching our climate change goals and preserving California's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim October 2010, as “Solar Energy Month.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of September 2010.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State

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